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Feast of the Epiphany



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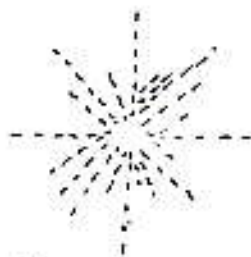
The Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany commemorates the manifestations of the divinity of Christ. It is one of the oldest Christian feasts, with an Eastern origin traceable to the beginning of the third century and antedating the Western feast of Christmas.

Originally, it commemorated the manifestations of Christ's divinity in his birth, the homage of the Magi and baptism by St. John the Baptist.

Later, the first two of these commemorations were transferred to Christmas when the Eastern Church adopted that feast between 380 and 430. The central feature of the Eastern observance now is the manifestation or declarations of Christ's divinity in his baptism and at the beginning of public life.

The Epiphany was adopted by the Western Church during the same period in which the Eastern Church accepted Christmas. In the Roman Rite, commemoration is made in the Mass of the homage of the wise men from the East.



Wise men
still seek Him



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Fr. Bernard writes

**A CHALLENGE,
TO GAELGEOIRÍ!**

I celebrated the 9.00 Mass on Sunday, 16th December, the so-called 'Aifrinn Gaelach' (Irish Mass). It was a flop.

Cards were provided (paid for by the parish) with the responses in Irish. But how many responded? 10? Maybe 20? Maybe less. The vast majority seemed genuinely annoyed at having the unfamiliar foisted on them.

I may be wrong (and often am!) but I think something has gone very wrong with the Aifrinn Gaelach. The Gaelgeoirí of Bishopstown put much work into getting it 'up and running', but are doing precious little to make it work.

Maybe it is time to re-evaluate it. Maybe it is time to scrap it, to admit it is hopeless. Unless, that is, there are people out there prepared to make it work.

If you are a 'Gaelgeor', you're probably getting angry right now. But, as Clint Eastwood might say, "don't get mad, get even". Prove me wrong. Get organised. Get working. Drum up support.

The current charade cannot and, I believe, should not continue.

Le gach dea-ghuí don athbhlian,
Bernard MacOitir, S.C.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD RESULTS

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A large number of solutions were handed in for our Christmas Crossword and the following were correct:

- SUSAN AHERN, The Rendezvous, Model Farm Road.
- AILEEN BRENNAN, Woodlawn
- SHEILA BRENNAN, Woodlawn
- PETER & BRIDGETTE FITZGERALD, 26 Kenley Drive.
- COLETTE KENNY, 3 The Avenue, Kenley.

- With only one error:
- Bessie Dunne, Laburnum Lawn
 - Eamon Cashell, Laburnum Lawn
 - K. Fahy, Farranlea Grove
 - Angela Glavin, Kilcrea Park
 - Phyllis Glavin, Kilcrea Park
 - Marian Heffernan
 - Bridget Hyland, Orchard Road
 - Sheila Hyland, Orchard Road
 - Terry & Betty Layton, Bishopstown Avenue.
 - Seán O'Brien, Wilton Road
 - Ann O'Callaghan, Farranlea Grove
 - Seán O'Donoghue, Laburnum Lawn
 - Terry O'Donoghue, Laburnum Lawn
 - Jackie O'Herlihy, Model Farm Road
 - Mary O'Herlihy, Model Farm Road
 - Kevin Power, Laburnum Lawn



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

IS IT just me or did some of the joy go out of the New Year Celebrations this year? Really, it's very difficult to be excited about a New Year on what the Cork Examiner calls 'an insecure, uncertain place'.

A GULF WAR seems hard to avoid unless justice and common sense prevails. The sterile rhetoric and the bullet and the bomb hold us back from a peaceful settlement in the North.

WHILE SO many of us have not even begun to recover from the rash of over-spending at Christmas, millions continue to die for the lack of water and food and the most basic of health care around the world.

WHAT BEGAN as a great blossoming of freedom in Eastern Europe seems in danger of coming apart if cool heads do not prevail. Too many chiefs?

THE MEDIA depicts a troubled world possessed with a passion for power and wealth. In our own small way we can influence the world and the media. Our efforts are not likely to be world-shattering. But they CAN make a difference.

Let YOUR New Year Resolution be: I have something to say and I WILL be heard. I WILL make a change for the better in this world of ours, in this land of ours.

OH, I feel better already. Yes, I feel much more hopeful for 1991 knowing that so many people care about our future and are prepared to stand up and be counted.

So, stick with that New Year Resolution - and a Very Happy New Year.



Pray For The Dead



JOHN RUDDY resided with his daughter Rose and son-in-law John Long at 28 Parkway Drive, Model Farm Road. A gentle, inoffensive man, he spent most of his life in the Blarney Street district, and worked as a painter at Collins' Barracks.

He died, as he lived, at home, quietly and peacefully with his family around him on 19th December. We extend sympathy to his two sons, two daughters, and other near relatives.



"Woodlands",
Farranlea Park.

Dear Editor,

Keeping in mind that young children could be bored or disruptive during the celebration of Mass, I suggest setting up a biblical crèche. This would suit the 4-7 age group, where bible stories could be read, discussed and the children asked to illustrate by drawings the scenes described in the stories.

At a suitable point in the Mass, the children could re-join their parents at a special area of the church, eg. the Sacred Heart Altar. The children could be brought up from the Crypt (or across from the C.P. Centre). The benefits of this are:

- (1) the children would keep holy the Lord's day - more than at present.
- (2) there would be less disruption in church as children would be occupied for the most part and parents could celebrate Mass more fully.
- (3) the children, who are the future of the church, would actually look forward to going to Mass.

Some thought on the practical application of this idea is needed and any suggestions/help from the parishioners would be welcomed. Letters please to the C.P. Centre.

Yours hopefully,
Anne Moloney



Our best wishes go to David Sorenson of Orchard Road and Carmel Clarke of Crosshaven on their recent engagement. We wish them every happiness.

THANK YOU

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank the people of the parish for their very generous response to its Christmas collection, which raised over £2,000 for those in need.

Welcome

RAY & PAT O'NEILL and JASON to
The Elms, The Orchard, Farranlea
Park.



WILTON UNITED SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL

All schoolboy fixtures for 6th and 7th January have been postponed due to adverse weather conditions.